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For: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS,)	
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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, and no fees are believed to be necessary.

CN 1155141, listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449, was cited in an office action issued by the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China ("Chinese office action") on August 6, 2004 in a corresponding Chinese patent application. A copy of this Chinese office action and a copy of an English-language translation thereof citing CN 1155141 and setting forth

the relevance thereof are enclosed. In addition, the relevance of CN 1155141 can be understood from U.S. Patent No. 5,731,923, which is a U.S. counterpart of CN 1155141 and which also is listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449.

A copy of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that any better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,731,923	March 24, 1998	Sakuma	360	69	September 23, 1996

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	<u>Translation</u> YES NO	
CN 1155141A	July 23, 1997	China				x

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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